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If Mr. MERRIFIELD were really "in the hands of his friends," he would stay there and not expose himself to the chilly blasts of Nov. 6.

For State Senator.

Attention is directed to the call in another column for a convention of Republicans representing the Twentieth Senatorial district, to nominate a candidate for the position now held by a Democrat. The district primaries will be held one week from next Saturday, at the same hours and in the same places as were the recent county Republican primaries; and the convention will meet on the ensuing Tuesday, at 11 o'clock a. m., in the arbitration room in the court house.

The importance of this convention should not be underestimated. That a district comprising the third largest and most populous community in the state should be represented at Harrisburg by a man who lends the weight of his personal and political influence to aid along the pernicious purposes of modern Democracy is an anomaly which should be corrected. While it is true that the domain of state legislation does not cover tariff issues, it is no less true that comfort cannot be extended to this industry-wrecking administration in one place without strengthening it all along the line. The Twentieth senatorial district needs the services of a staunch Republican at Harrisburg no less than the Eleventh congressional district needs such services at Washington. The two needs cannot well be divorced. One is logically supplementary to and in a sense dependent upon the other.

There are bright and capable young Republicans in this senatorial district who would possess an influence with the Republican state administration certain to be chosen this fall, which could not possibly be wielded by a Democrat. The convention one week from next Tuesday will have the naming of one of these. It is a duty which carries with it no small measure of responsibility, and it is highly essential, therefore, that there should be a free and frank expression of the party will, both at primaries and in convention, to the end that Scranton and its vicinity may be adequately represented in the state senate, by a man of the people's own choosing.

WITH PROPER effort at home and at Harrisburg, Hyde Park ought to have comparatively little difficulty in securing an adequate hospital. Hyde Park will have the latter while it shall be represented by John R. Farr. But what about the work to be done at home? That, too, is important.

Cleveland and the Veterans.

Those veterans at Braddock who on Tuesday refused to march under a banner bearing upon it a portrait of the president of the United States, were guilty of an impassioned act which, in calmer moments they will regret. As an individual Democrat, with rather more than the average Democrat's dislike of pensions and pensioners, Grover Cleveland is fairly open to criticism and censure. As the leader of an element in our political life which has many times through ignorance and many times through malice been on the wrong side of questions involving the national honor and the national welfare, Mr. Cleveland is properly subject to rebuke. As the president of his country, elected by constitutional means, he is entitled at least to a public re-primand that may conscientiously be

evinced for his office, if not for its temporary occupant. The address of Commander-in-Chief Adams before the Pittsburgh Grand Army encampment yesterday was keen in its just criticisms and merciful in its many resentments of an executive message which virtually branded veterans as accessories to frauds, but it did not forget the respect due to the author of that message, in his official capacity as chief magistrate. The policy of this administration with reference to pensions has not had the approval of the loyal citizenship of the country. The policy has catered to the prejudice of a section once in armed revolt; and the details of its administration have, in many instances, been entrusted to the hands of men who participated in that revolt and who could scarcely be expected to overflow with kindly feeling for the brave men who had frustrated their once rebellious purposes.

But while this is true, our form of government admits of only one legal means of redress. The permissible appeal is not to violence or passion, but to the sovereign tribunal of the ballot box. Indications are not wanting that this appeal will be made, and that it will be effective. It, therefore, is the duty of veterans to be patient a little longer. The time of vindication will not be much further delayed. The consciences of their countrymen cannot long be dulled. As Commander-in-Chief Adams eloquently said, "The loyal people of the land never believed in the Union soldiers and sailors more than they do today; and the politician who thinks he will win favor by under-rating them, or depriving them of what they are entitled to receive will, in the near future, discover his mistake."

THE DEMOCRATIC platform in this county is funny, very. It means something, no doubt; but what?

THE EFFORTS of certain Scrantonians to organize an oratorical society in this city, for which purpose a mass meeting has been called to assemble this evening in the armory, deserve to succeed. Long accustomed to working for a living, Scranton ought by this time to be financially able to indulge, with moderation, in some of the intellectual and artistic luxuries of life. It must not be forgotten that all hustle and no leisure would soon make young America a crude and ignorant boy.

THAT WASN'T a bad coincidence noted in the Maine returns, concerning one town that went Republican for the first time since 1861. The issues then and now are different in name and manner of arbitrament rather than in essential fact. The Maine rule of voting as one fought is good enough for all practical purposes even in Pennsylvania.

Money in Politics.

Discussing the not altogether disinterested outcry which has been raised in certain quarters concerning the alleged corrupt use of money made in this year's county conventions, the Philadelphia Press very sensibly, because very truthfully, says: "The abolition of the convention system would naturally end the business of buying and selling delegates and so wipe out that particular form of corruption. It is proposed to introduce the popular vote system, under which nominations shall be made by a direct vote of the party masses. We have repeatedly urged the advantages of this method whenever it can be made practical, because it is most in harmony with our general republican system. It is the one way by which each party voter is enabled to exercise the same power as any other in the choice of a candidate. But, unfortunately, it is not free from corruption. That method has been in use longer in Crawford county than anywhere else, and it is a notorious and indisputable fact that no county in the state can show any such record as Crawford for election debauchery and crime. It has been demonstrated that men who are determined upon making a profit out of election will find some way to work. When they can no longer sell themselves as delegates they will sell themselves in some other capacity."

That the cry of "Stop, thief!" is sometimes raised for a hypocritical purpose is no justification of theft. Similarly, the effrontery of those who, being themselves guiltiest, make loud-voiced outcry concerning the real or fancied political improprieties of others, offers no excuse for the existence of venal politics. It would be a cause for personal and, indeed, for national thanksgiving could the conditions which have anywhere bred the willingness to strike up a barter in ballots be completely and summarily cured. But it is necessary to be prudent as well as zealous in approaching this cure. Upon the advocacy of the abolition of nominating conventions rests the burden of proving that the substitution which he suggests would improve, rather than simply modify the form of, the money evil in politics. Has this burden been satisfactorily discharged? Is it yet a certainty, by any means, that in a county like our own the net consequences of such a change would be materially better?

If it be really desired to greatly reduce the prevalence of corrupt practices and just prior to nominating conventions, this can be done without going to the round about alternative of radical change in the party rules. To the suggestion only of clean and reputable candidates add sufficient civic interest in the primaries to insure the selection, in the great majority of instances, of honest delegates. Then have an understanding among the reputable party leaders that money for illegitimate purposes shall not be expended, or that, if expended and proved, exposure and punishment will surely follow; set the forces of honesty

at work at the root of the evil, and if mankind be not yet utterly depraved, it ought to be possible to bring about a noticeable improvement in political ethics without any need of circumlocutory amendments or "stop, thief!" hypocrisy. The trouble, though, with this homely recipe doubtless is that it doesn't altogether serve the purposes of the hurrah boys on the other side.

SAYS OUR persistent friend, the editor of the Wayne Independent: "The Philadelphia Inquirer, New York Tribune, Philadelphia Times, SCRANTON TRIBUNE and the great wholesale merchants of New York all admit that business is reviving. Even Chauncey M. Depew, the great Republican apostle, predicts that the country is entering upon an era of prosperity such as it has never before known." Well, why not? Hasn't the country heard from Vermont and Maine?

MONEY HONESTLY expended in a durable paving is one of the best investments that a city or its citizens can make. Pine street is one of the few handsome residence streets in the central city that has thus far neglected to pave. Now that a good pavement is within easy reach, it would be a misfortune were the chance to pass unimproved.

POLITICAL NOTES.

EX-SENATOR Sewall, of New Jersey, is a shrewd one. He declines: "The newspapers make the issues and fight the political campaigns nowadays. Mass meetings and stump speeches count for little or nothing. It is what the newspapers say that counts. Day after day they keep setting certain facts and ideas before the people, and all classes read 'nowadays.' The day when big demonstrations and all that sort of thing counted for anything has gone. Such methods were all right in the days when newspapers were comparatively little known and the dissemination of political news different from what it is today. In fact, I hardly ever attend a political meeting—that is, a campaign meeting for talking—because the newspaper attends to all that. Even in the remote rural districts the farmers get their daily papers. They keep track of all the political movements and before the election time comes around they have made up their minds how they are going to vote, and a stump speaker can not change them."

Speaking of Mr. Straehan's reconvened side-show Tuesday the Sarcastic Harrisburg Patriot says: "The attorney General Hensel was asked to preside at the Scranton convention. He declined on the ground that he had 'only a sack coat' with him. The Lancaster Bear Brammel couldn't bring himself to preside over a party convention without a coat with skirts any more than a belle would sing in a choir without wearing frizzes or appear at a ball in a tailor-made suit. It is the attorney General's relationship was not yet in sight of the Lancaster exquisite, but those familiar with his beauty and grace wouldn't for a moment suspect that so patrician a thing as an office would move him to depart from good form. Did he fly yesterday because he had none but bottle coats out of the hands of his tailor?"

Chairman Straehan, it is announced, will start his manager going early in October. It is his intention to have a grand central circuit of no convenient point and then, during the month between the opening and closing dates, locate at least one side show in every election district in the county. It is possible that Candidate Singery may swing out some among the brethren, and a visit or two from the Maine and Vermont veterans is contemplated in order that the Pennsylvania faithful may learn in advance from surviving witnesses just how it goes to get caught under the Republican avalanche. It isn't expected that the minority campaign will be the specially perfunctory. All that moves them to have one at all is the eager hope that the powers at Washington will care for them when the cruel war is over.

Berks Republicans will present as their candidate for the Ninth district nomination Dr. Jeremiah S. Trexler, of Kutztown. The Reading Times says of him: "In this candidacy the voters of the Ninth Congressional district will have an opportunity of casting their suffrages for as good a man as ever lived in the district. Dr. Trexler is a man of high character, morally, socially, professionally and politically. He has been closely identified with the avowed purpose of the important movements that have made the eastern section of Berks one of the most progressive and advanced portions of the commonwealth. The general acquiescence with which Dr. Trexler's nomination has been received, shows the fitness of the selection."

In the opinion of the Washington Post, an independent journal which makes due haste to get into the popular band wagon, the big Maine victory was long a foregone conclusion. "The Democratic party," it says, "has done nothing to commend itself to the respect and confidence of the country. It has succeeded in convincing us that it inclines to foolish and vicious legislation, and that it has made the eastern section of Berks one of the most progressive and advanced portions of the commonwealth. The general acquiescence with which Dr. Trexler's nomination has been received, shows the fitness of the selection."

The Syracuse Post is moved to inform its editor: "My friends outside of New York state that they 'need have no fears concerning party success in this commonwealth this fall. The contest for places on the state ticket is simply the natural forerunner of victory at the polls. Once settled, the party will turn in and bury the Democratic machine out of sight. It is a Republican year in this state, as in all other northern states, and victory is in the air. Can any party find any sign of ambition in the Democratic party for places on the state ticket? Straws show which way the wind blows."

John B. Robinson has been unanimously re-nominated as the Republican candidate for congress from the Delaware-Chester district. In 1892 the Republicans of the district will, it is thought, choose their nominee by the delegate instead of by the conference system.

General Frank Reeder, of Easton, feels very hopeful that General Kirkpatrick will be returned to congress from the English district to succeed Mr. Munchler. Hart, the Democratic candidate, is rapidly developing weakness.

When it comes to furnishing a political course for exhibition purposes the Washington Post thinks that Maine Democrats have no peers.

LET HIM VISIT US.

Wishes-Barre Record. We would kindly advise Brother Singery to spend a few days in Lackawanna county during the coming campaign. It would be "fraternal with educational advantages" to that gentleman and might impel him to revise his opinion as to whether Mr. Scranton's vote meets with the approval of the people in that way. It would require but a brief stay to convince him that Representative Scranton's stand in congress meets with the approval of a large majority of the voters of Lackawanna county. To say that his vote against free coal was "special antagonistic" to the interest of western Pennsylvania is the vilest free trade rot. Mr. Singery ought to know that even under present conditions anthracite coal producers find it no easy task to compete with their rivals in the

bituminous trade. Free coal would mean an increased supply of the bituminous product. Anthracite would be undersold and driven from the market, and the men who dig it out of the earth would be forced into idleness. In voting against free coal Mr. Scranton acted for the best interests of the people he represented. The voters of Lackawanna county understand this thoroughly, and will show their appreciation by electing Mr. Scranton by the largest majority he ever received.

An Interesting Letter.

Wishes-Barre Record. Miss Sadie Kaiser writes an interesting letter on board ship for the SCRANTON TRIBUNE. She is a member of the American quartette bound for Europe.

THE CANDIDATE.

"Father! who travels our road so late?" "Hide! my child, 'tis the candidate; Fit example of human woe; Early he comes and late he goes. He greets the women with courtly grace: He kisses the baby's dirty face; He calls to the fencer the farmer at work; He bores the merchant; he bothers the clerk; The blacksmith, while his anvil rings, He greets, and this is the way he signs: 'Howdy! howdy! how'd ye do?' 'How is your wife, and how are you?' 'Ah! it fits my list as no other can, The horny hand of the working-man.'"

"'Husband who is that at the gate?' "Hide! my love, 'tis the candidate!" "Silly! why can't he work like you? Has he nothing at home to do?" "My dear, whenever a man is down— No cash at home and no credit in town— Too timid to preach and to proud to beg, Too timid to rob and too lazy to dig; Then over his horse his leg he flings, And to the dear people this song he sings: 'Howdy! howdy! how'd ye do?' 'How is your wife, and how are you?' 'Ah, it fits my list as no other can, The honest hand of the working-man.'"

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